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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS ANNOUNCES TRIP TO CUBA AND USSR

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1. PRIME MINISTER ERIC WILLIAMS WILL LEAVE TRINIDAD JUNE 18 ON A MONTH-LONG TOUR WHICH WILL INCLUDE OFFICIAL VISITS TO CUBA, THE SOVIET UNION, ROMANIA, AUSTRIA, AND POSSIBLY ONE MORE COUNTRY (NOT YET NAMED), AND A FIVE-DAY STAY IN NEW YORK TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE UN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT MADE AFTER THE JUNE 12 MEETING OF THE CABINET. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SEVERAL SENIOR GOVT OFFICIALS ON THE TRIP.

2. DR. WILLIAMS' COMPLETE ITINERARY:

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JUNE 18 - 22 CUBA
JUNE 22 - 27 NEW YORK
JUNE 28 - 30 LONDON (IN TRANSIT)
JUNE 30 - JULY 7 USSR
JULY 7 - 12 ROMANIA
JULY 12 - 16 (NOT YET ARRANGED)
JULY 16 - 17 AUSTRIA
JULY 18 RETURN TO TRINIDAD

3. OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS WILL BE:
MINISTER OF EDUCATION, CARLTON GOMES
MINISTER OF WORKS, VICTOR CAMPBELL
MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, ERROL MAHABIR (CUBA ONLY)
AMBASSADOR EUSTACE SEIGNORET, PERMANENT RE. TO UN
ISIDORE RAMPERSAD, PERMANENT SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER
L. J. RODRIQUEZ, SPECIAL ADVISOR TO MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY
DR. KENNETH JULIEN, DEAN OF UWI DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING
NAGIB ALI, BUSINESSMAN (CUBA ONLY)
CONRAD O'BRIEN, BUSINESSMAN (EUROPE ONLY)
CYRIL LOPEZ, LABOR LEADER (CUBA ONLY)
SENATOR CARL TULL, LABOR LEADER (EUROPE ONLY)
MRS. MARJORIE LEE-FOOK, PERSONAL SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER
MRS. KATHLEEN INNISS, SECRETARY TO CABINET
ASST. SUPT. (POLICE) SYLBERT HINDMAN, SECURITY OFFICER

4. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, THE PM INTENDS TO
DISCUSS WITH THE CUBANS THE CARIBBEAN COMMITTEE OF ECLA,
PARTICULARLY GIVING PRIORITY TO CONSIDERATION OF THE LAW
OF THE SEA AT THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEETING, AND A SPECIFIC
BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT. IN THE OTHER COUNTRIES HE IS
VISITIN, DR. WILLIAMS PLANS TO RAISE THE QUESTIONS OF:
1) AN EQUITABLE REGIME FOR THE CARIBBEAN SEA; 2) SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON TRAINING; AND 3) THE
DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
THE UN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING IS EXPECTED TO CONSIDER
THE ECLA RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY TRINIDAD WHICH RECOMMENDED
THAT THE COUNCIL GIVE HIGH PRIORITY IN THE UNIVERSITY'S
PROGRAM TO THE TRANSFER AND DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY.

5. SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO TRINIDAD VLADIMIR KAZIMIROV,
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RESIDENT IN CARACAS, MADE HIS INITIAL VISIT TO PORT OF
SPAIN TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
JUNE 13 AND PRESUMABLY TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRIP.
THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR, PETRACHE DANILA WHO IS ALSO RESIDENT
IN CARACAS, IS IN TRINIDAD ON A SIMILAR MISSION.

6. COMMENT: IN THIS VISIT DR. WILLIAMS WILL AGAIN
BREAK NEW DEIPLOMATIC AND IDEOLOGICAL GROUND WITH FIRST-

TIME VISITS TO THREE COMMUNIST-RULED COUNTRIES WITH WHICH TRINIDAD ESTABLISHED RELATIONS ONLY IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. JUDGING FROM THE MAKE-UP OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY, WE WOULD NOT EXPECT THAT THE TRIP WILL PRODUCE ANY STARTLING CHANGES IN TRINIDAD'S FOREIGN POLICY AND WILL PROBABLY BE MORE CEREMONIAL THAN SUBSTANTIVE. EXPANSION OF TRADE IS LIKELY TO BE A PRIMARY TOPIC OF DISCUSSION IN CUBA (WHICH RECENTLY SOLD TRINIDAD 3,500 TONS OF SUGAR TO HELP MAKE UP FOR PRODUCTION SHORTFALLS CAUSED BY THE RECENT SUGAR STRIKE), IN AUSTRIA (WHICH RECENTLY SENT A TRADE MISSION TO TRINIDAD) AND THE SOVIET UNION (DR. JULIEN IS ALSO VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ELECTRICITY COMMISSION, WHICH IS IN THE MARKET FOR 600 MEGAWATTS OF GENERATING CAPACITY). THE GOTT HAS PREVIOUSLY HINTED THAT IT WISHED TO DISCUSS PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY QUESTIONS WITH ROMANIA.

7. THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT DR. WILLIAMS WILL FLY TO NEW YORK VIA MIAMI AND HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE US WITH HIS EXACT TRAVEL PLANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE APPROPRIATE FACILITIES CAN BE EXTENDED AT THE PORT OF ENTRY.

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